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1. SOUTH AFRICA --

MEMBERS OF VIE-POWER WESTERN GROUP AND KEY REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE AFRICAN AND NONALIGNED GROUPS SPENT ALL DAY MARCH 30 IN A SERIES OF INTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS BASED UPON THE NONALIGNED COUNTER DRAFT OF THE PROPOSED DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES AND COVERING SC RESOLUTION. AS A RESULT, THE NONALIGNED PRODUCED A NEW DRAFT OF THE DECLARATION WHICH ACCOMMODATED A NUMBER OF THE WESTERN POINTS, WITH THE ONLY SUBSTANTIAL DIFFERENCES PERTAINING TO PARAGRAPH 16 WHICH RELATES TO ECONOMIC MEASURES. NIGERIAN AMB HARRIMAN HAS STRONG VIEWS ABOUT THAT LANGUAGE, AND THE UK AMBASSADOR FLATLY STATED HMG'S REJECTION OF ECONOMIC SANCTIONS HAS NOT CHANGED. THE WESTERN GROUP REDRAFTED THAT PARAGRAPH AND PROPOSED TO PASS IT TO THE AFRICAN AND NONALIGNED GROUPS MARCH 31. THE MOST RECENT NONALIGNED DRAFT OF THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD COVER THE DECLARATION

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ACCEDED TO ALMOST ALL WESTERN COMMENTS AND APPEARS GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE IN THE VIEW OF WESTERN FIVE. WHILE THERE REMAIN POINTS REQUIRING NEGOTIATIONS AND THE AFRICAN/NONALIGNED GROUP STILL HAS NOT COMPLETED COORDINATION WITH THE SOVIETS AND CHINESE, BOTH SIDES WOULD UP THE DAY FEELING CLOSER TO AGREEMENT. AMB RAMPHUL (MAURITIUS) REMARKED WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO COMPLETE THE DECLARATION BY END OF SC BUSINESS MARCH 31. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 961, 962)

2. COMMITTEE FOR SPECIAL GA ON DISARMAMENT --

THE PREPCOM FOR THE SPECIAL GA ON DISARMAMENT CONCLUDED ITS SESSION MARCH 30, HAVING BREEZED THROUGH ITS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING TWO DAYS EARLIER THAN SCHEDULED, WITHOUT MAJOR CONTROVERSY. CHAIRMAN ORTIZ DE ROZAS (ARGENTINA) MOVED QUICKLY TO SET A BUSINESSLIKE TONE AND TO ESTABLISH A STRONG PERSONAL ROLE FOR HIMSELF IN WORKING OUT COMPROMISES THROUGH INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS. VIRTUALLY ALL DELEGATIONS LEFT SATISFIED THAT THE PREPARATORY PROCESS IS OFF

TO A GOOD START, WITH A MINIMUM OF PUBLIC POSTURING AND BICKERING. MOST WESTERN, EASTERN EUROPEAN AND EVEN NONALIGNED DELEGATIONS TOOK GENERALLY HOSTILE LINE IN PRIVATE TALKS ON NGO PARTICIPATION. ALTHOUGH AGREEMENT WAS NEARLY REACHED ON A PACKAGE CONCERNING NGO'S, THE CHAIRMAN SAID HE WOULD CONTINUE CONSULTATIONS WITH THE AIM OF PRESENTING TO THE PREPCOM MAY 9 A PROPOSAL THAT COULD BE "IMMEDIATELY APPROVED BY CONSENSUS." THE SOVIETS LAY LOW THROUGHOUT THE MEETINGS. THERE WAS RELATIVELY LITTLE DISCUSSION ON LONG-RANGE SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES. THE 10 MEMBERS OF THE NONALIGNED CORE GROUP ON SPECIAL SESSION ISSUES HELD SEVERAL MEETINGS TO WORK OUT A GENERAL NONALIGNED PAPER (ON BASIS YUGOSLAV DRAFT) TO SERVE AS "INTERNAL GUIDANCE" FOR NONALIGNED, BUT HAD NOT COMPLETED TASK AS OF MARCH 30. THE FOLLOWING WERE ELECTED AS VICE CHAIRMEN: AUSTRALIA, BAHAMAS, IRAN, JAPAN, NIGERIA, NORWAY, POLAND AND YUGOSLAVIA. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 955)
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3. OUTER SPACE LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE --

AS THE SUBCOMMITTEE CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF DIRECT BROADCASTING SATELLITES (DBS) MARCH 30, THE SWEDISH DELEGATE (IN CONJUNCTION WITH CANADA) PROPOSED A PACKAGE SOLUTION TO QUESTION OF REMAINING PRINCIPLES. GDR, AT REQUEST OF USSR, SUBMITTED STATEMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS A WORKING PAPER ON PRINCIPLE OF "CONSENT AND PARTICIPATION," WHICH WAS SUPPORTED BY BRAZIL. AUSTRALIA QUESTIONED NEED TO ELABORATE DBS PRINCIPLES IN LIGHT OF 1977 WORLD ADMINISTRATIVE RADIO CONFERENCE (WARC), AND JAPAN DOUBTED WISDOM OF INTRODUCING PRINCIPLE OF PRIOR CONSENT. IN WORKING GROUP II, SOVIETS RETURNED TO ISSUE OF SPILLOVER AND THE NECESSITY FOR CONSULTATION, AND EXPRESSED IRRITATION THAT OTHERS WERE NOT YET PREPARED TO FORM MINI WORKING GROUPS TO BEGIN DRAFTING. SWEDES SAID SPILLOVER IS TECHNICAL PROBLEM AND, THEREFORE, PROVINCE OF ITU. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 959)

4. COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT --

US REPRESENTATIVE TO COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT (CSD) PICKER AND MISOFF ARE CONTINUING CONSULTATIONS WITH KEY SECRETARIAT MEMBERS AND COSPONSORS OF CSD RESOLUTION (L. 43), INITIATED BY THE US AND DUE FOR CONSIDERATION AT 62ND ECOSOC SESSION, WHICH WOULD CREATE A 10-MEMBER EXPERT WORKING GROUP TO LOOK AT THE ROLE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PLAYS IN THE UN SYSTEM AND WHAT ROLE IT SHOULD HAVE. THE NETHERLANDS AGREED IT WOULD BE UNWISE TO OPEN THE RESOLUTION TO AMENDMENTS SUCH AS TIMING OF WORKING GROUP REPORT, AND IS AGREEABLE TO HAVING THE WORKING

GROUP SELECTED FROM THE ENTIRE UN MEMBERSHIP. UN SECRETARIAT
OFFICIAL SAW RES L. 430 AS BEING DIFFICULT TO GET THROUGH
ECOSOC BECAUSE IT APPEARS TO BE A DEVELOPED COUNTRY PROPOSAL,
AND MIGHT BE CONSTRUED AS COMPETING WITH THE RESTRUCTURING
COMMITTEE REPORT. SECRETARIAT MEMBERS OF CENTER FOR
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DEVELOPMENT PLANNING, PROJECTIONS AND POLICIES (CDPPP)
TOLD MISOFFS ASYG SIPILA IS STILL TRYING TO RE-UNITE THE
SOCIAL POLICY SECTION OF CDPPP TO HER CENTER FOR SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT AND HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS. (LIMITED OFFICIAL
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5. CIVL LIBERTIES IN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA --

DR. KIM KWAN SUK, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL
OF CHRISTIAN CHURCHES OF THE ROK, ACCOMPANIED BY REPRESENTATIVES
OF UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE US AND NATIONAL COUNCIL
OF CHURCHES, CALLED BRIEFLY ON AMB YOUNG, PRIMARY PURPOSE OF
GROUP APPEARED TO BE TO URGE THE USG TO GIVE MORE PUBLIC
SUPPORT TO THOSE GROUPS IN KOREA WHICH ARE PROTESTING
CURTAILMENT OF CIVIL LIBERTIES IN THE ROK. (CONFIDENTIAL --
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6. SECURITY COUNCIL -- SOUTH AFRICA

THE SC RECEIVED FOUR DRAFT RESOLUTIONS MARCH 30 AND, IN DEBATE ON THE QUESTION OF SOUTH AFRICA, HEARD VIEWS OF CANADA, JAMAICA, TANZANIA, FRG, ROMANIA AND MAURITANIA. THE FRG AND CANADIAN REPRESENTATIVES APPEALED TO COUNCIL MEMBERS TO SUPPORT THE DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES BEING PROPOSED BY THE WESTERN SC MEMBERS. THE DRAFT RESOLUTIONS (S/12309-12312), SPONSORED JOINTLY BY BENIN, LIBYA AND MAURITIUS, WOULD HAVE THE SC: I, "STRONGLY CONDEMN THE SOUTH AFRICAN RACIST REGIME FOR ITS RESORT TO MASSIVE VIOLENCE AND REPRESSION AGAINST THE BLACK PEOPLE," AND DEMAND THAT THE REGIME END SUCH PRACTICES; II, CALL FOR A BAN ON INVESTMENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA OR LOANS TO THAT COUNTRY; III, IMPOSE A MANDATORY ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA UNDER CHAPTER VII; AND IV, DECLARE THE POLICIES AND ACTIONS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN REGIME "A GRAVE THREAT TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY," CALL UPON IT TO COMPLY WITH ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE CHARTER AND SC RESOLUTIONS, AND IN EVENT OF NON-COMPLIANCE THE SC WOULD CONSIDER APPROPRIATE CHAPTER VII ACTION. THE NEXT MEETING ON THE QUESTION IS SCHEDULED FOR 10:30 A.M., MARCH 31.

CANADA -- BARTON SAID THAT IN SOUTHERN AFRICA ONLY REMAINING COLONIAL SITUATIONS WERE NAMIBIA AND RHODESIA; SOUTH AFRICA WAS DIFFERENT SITUATION IN WHICH PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT ORIGINS SHARED A LARGE AND PROSPEROUS LAND BUT NOT THE PRIVILEGES AND OBLIGATIONS OF COMMON CITIZENSHIP IN AN EQUITABLE MANNER. THE ARTIFICIAL ECONOMIC DIFFERENCES THERE MADE NO SENSE IN A SOPHISTICATED NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMY WHICH DEMANDED INCREASING REGIONAL ECONOMIC INTEGRATION RATHER THAN THE CONTRARY. ALTHOUGH IN 1974 THE SOUTH AFRICAN
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REPRESENTATIVE TOLD THE SC HIS GOVERNMENT INTENDED TO DO AWAY WITH DISCRIMINATION ON A RACIAL BASIS, IT HAD REMAINED EVIDENT THAT IN REALITY NO EFFORT WAS BEING MADE TO BEGIN DISMANTLING APARTHEID. ALSO, MOVES TOWARD PRESS CONTROL SEEMED OMINOUS. IT WAS ESSENTIAL AT THE PRESENT STAGE TO TAKE FULLEST ADVANTAGE, AND MAKE CONSTRUCTIVE USE, IF ANY INFLUENCE WHICH COULD BE BROUGHT TO BEAR ON SAG BY THE COUNTRIES WHICH MAINTAINED RELATIONS WITH IT. IN THIS GROUP OF COUNTRIES, THE US WAS PRE-EMINENT, AND CANADA WAS IMPRESSED BY THE RESOLVE EXPRESSED BY THE NEW US ADMINISTRATION TO USE ITS BEST EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE THE COMMON PURPOSE. IN BARTON'S VIEW, THE SC AS A WHOLE SHOULD DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT. THE COUNCIL SHOULD DEPART FOR A TIME FROM THE KIND OF APPROACH WHICH HAD SO FAR PROVED INEFFECTIVE, AND ADOPT "A DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLE ON SOUTHERN AFRICA WHICH WILL SERVE AS A STATEMENT OF PURPOSE FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THIS COUNCIL IN TERMS OF OUR OBJECTIVES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA."

JAMAICA -- MILLS SAID THE FUNDAMENTAL ISSUE WAS THE CORRECTION OF THE MAJOR INJUSTICES OR IMBALANCES MANIFESTED IN CLOSELY INTERRELATED ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND RACIAL POLICIES. HE REVIEWED SOUTH AFRICA'S "CATALOGUE OF CRIMES," AND CALLED THE APARTHEID REGIME A THREAT TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY. SOUTH AFRICA HAD BEEN ABLE TO ACQUIRE ITS AWESOME MILITARY STRENGTH BY WAY OF OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE; THE ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THAT COUNTRY AND THE WEST WAS BEING STRENGTHENED. HE WELCOMED STEPS TAKEN BY CHURCH GROUPS, TRADE UNIONISTS AND OTHERS "TO TIGHTEN THE CIRCLE AROUND SOUTH AFRICA" AND HELP BRING ABOUT MAJORITY RULE. THE POSITIVE ACTION BY NON-GOVERNMENTAL BODIES AND INDIVIDUALS CONTRASTED WITH THE INACTION OF MANY GOVERNMENTS, HE SAID, CALLING FOR A MANDATORY ARMS EMBARGO AND AN END TO ECONOMIC COLLABORATION.

TANZANIA -- SALIM, ADDRESSING HIS OPENING REMARKS TO SC
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PRESIDENT YOUNG, SAID IT WAS GRATIFYING THAT THIS DEBATE WAS TAKING PLACE SOON AFTER PRESIDENT CARTER ANNOUNCED US OBJECTIVE TO WORK FOR MAJORITY RULE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. THIS, AND THE RECENT US ACTION TO REPEAL THE BYRD AMENDMENT, GAVE CAUSE FOR RENEWED OPTIMISM REGARDING EFFORTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO ATTAIN FREEDOM AND JUSTICE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. THE APARTHEID REGIME CONSTITUTED A TOTAL NEGATION OF ALL THE MORAL AND ETHICAL VALUES FOR WHICH THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY STOOD; IT WAS "A COMPLETE MISFIT" IN THE UN. "MERE EXPRESSIONS OF MORAL OUTRAGE," WITHOUT THE WILL TO MATCH THE OUTCRIES WITH CONCRETE ACTION, "WILL SIMPLY NOT DO," HE DECLARED. THOSE WHO CONTINUED TO SUPPORT THE PARTHEID REGIME MILITARILY, ECONOMICALLY OR OTHERWISE, WHILE EXPRESSING MORAL ABHORENCE TO THE SYSTEM, RAN THE RISK OF BEING CONSIDERED HYPOCRITICAL. SALIM SAID NO ONE SHOULD EXPECT THE PEOPLE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA TO "ACQUIESCE TO PERPETUAL HUMILIATION AND DEGRADATION." LAST YEAR'S UPRISINGS IN SOWETO AND ELSEWHERE IN SOUTH AFRICA WERE "MERELY A SIGNAL OF THINGS TO COME." HE URGED A MANDATORY ARMS EMBARGO AND, AS A MINIMUM, A BAN ON FURTHER INVESTMENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

FRG -- VON WECHMAR STATED THAT PRETORIA'S APARTHEID POLICY, ITS SUPPORT FOR THE RHODESIAN REGIME AND ITS ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OF NAMIBIA WERE "BASED ON A POLITICAL CONCEPT WHICH HAS NO CHANCE OF SURVIVAL." BEFORE LONG APARTHEID WOULD DAMAGE THE PROSPECTS OF ECONOMIC GROWTH. IN A MODERN INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY, SOCIAL INTEGRATION OF THE WORKING POPULATION WAS ESSENTIAL. IT WENT WITHOUT SAYING THAT THE FRG WOULD NOT WANT ITS LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT IN BOTSWANA, MALAWI, LESOTHO, ZAMBIA AND SWAZILAND TO BE JEOPARDIZED BY A PARALLEL DEFENSE EXPENDITURE IN RESPONSE TO SOUTH AFRICA'S POLICY. FRG WAS DETERMINED TO BACK SOLUTIONS WHICH GUARANTEED RESPECT FOR QUAL RIGHTS WITHOUT RACIAL DISTINCTION. THE USE OF FORCE MUST BE AVOIDED AT ALL COSTS, THOUGH THAT

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DID NOT MEAN "LETTING THINGS DRIFT." A POLICY OF PEACEFUL CHANGE IN SOUTH AFRICA DEMANDED ENERGETIC AND RESPONSIBLE ACTION. THE FRG JOINED OTHER WESTERN SC MEMBERS IN ADVOCATING A NEW APPROACH AND IN PROPOSING A SOLEMN DECLARATION BY THE SC WHICH WOULD PROCLAIM THE PRINCIPLES ON SOUTHERN AFRICA ON WHICH ALL MEMBERS AGREED. THE FACT THAT SOME OF SOUTH AFRICA'S MOST IMPORTANT TRADING PARTNERS WERE JOINING THEIR EFFORTS TO THAT END "SHOULD DISPEL

ANY DOUBTS ON THE PART OF PRETORIA AS TO THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE UNDERTAKING AND THE NEED TO ACHIEVE PROGRESS." HE APPEALED TO SC MEMBERS TO SUPPORT THE DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES AND THEREBY GIVE WEIGHT TO THE EFFORTS TO FIND A CONSTRUCTIVE SOLUTION. "SOUTH AFRICA SHOULD RECOGNIZE THAT ONLY SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS CAN PREVENT A CONFLICT WITH UNFORSEEABLE CONSEQUENCES," VON WECHMAR CONCLUDED.

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ROMANIA -- DATCU STRESSED THAT SC ACTION SHOULD GO TO THE HEART OF THE MATTER -- THE ELIMINATION OF APARTHEID. REFORM WAS NOT ENOUGH. ROMANIA ASSOCIATED ITSELF WITH THE DEMAND OF THE AFRICAN DELEGATIONS FOR FIRM MEASURES BY THE COUNCIL, INCLUDING A MANDATORY ARMS EMBARGO AND ECONOMIC SANCTIONS IN CONFORMITY WITH CHAPTER VII.

MAURITANIA -- KANE SAID GENOCIDE WAS BEING PRACTICES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, "AND THE TIME FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE PRETORIA REGIME IS FOREVER PAST." ARMS SUPPLY AND TRADE WITH SOUTH AFRICA WERE IMMORAL ACTS WHICH THE COUNCIL MUST CONDEMN. THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES "MUST CHOOSE AFRICA OR STAND ON THE SIDE OF THE OPPRESSORS." KANE PAID TRIBUTE TO THE USG FOR ENDING THE IMPORTATION OF RHODESIAN CHROME, AND HOPED IT WOULD BE AN EXAMPLE TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS TRADING WITH RHODESIA.

7. COMMITTEE OF 24 SUBCOMMITTEE ON SMALL TERRITORIES --

THE SUBCOMMITTEE CONCLUDED CONSIDERATION MARCH 29 OF CONDITIONS IN BRUNEI AFTER HEARING A STATEMENT BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO. STATEMENTS ON TOKELAU WERE MADE BY AUSTRALIA, INDOESIA AND CHILE. SPEAKING ON BRUNEI, SEALY (TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO) CONSIDERED THAT THE UK CONTINUED TO HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO TRANSMIT INFORMATION, NOTED THE DISSOLUTION OF THE PARLIAMENTARY INSTITUTIONS BY THE SULTAN IN 1970, AND SAID IT SEEMED NECESSARY FOR HMG AND THE SULTAN TO CONSIDER WAYS IN WHICH BRUNEI COULD PROGRESSIVELY REESTABLISH ITS PARLIAMENTARY INSTITUTIONS. IN THE ABSENCE OF INFORMATION OF SUBSTANCE ON OTHER DETAILS IN THE TERRITORY, IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO MAKE FURTHER COMMENTS.

FORRESTER (AUSTRALIA), IN A STATEMENT ON TOKELAU, NOTED THAT IN MANY CASES THE SUBCOMMITTEE WAS NOW DEALING WITH
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SMALL, FRAGILE COMMUNITIES WHICH WISHED NO MORE THAN THE NECESSITIES OF EXISTENCE AND TO PRESERVE A CHERISHED WAY OF LIFE. SOME OF THOSE HAD ATTACHED THEMSELVES TO NEIGHBORS OR OTHERS IN ACKNOWLEDGING THAT SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC

ADVANCEMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE OUTSIDE WORLD MADE RELIANCE ON OTHERS NECESSARY. TOKELAU WAS SUCH A CASE. HE NOTED THAT THE PEOPLE THERE WISHED AT PRESENT O MAINTAIN THEIR CLOSE TIES WITH NEW ZEALAND AND HE COMMENDED NEW ZEALAND FOR THE EFFECTIVE MEASURES IT HAD DEVELOPED FOR THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT OF TOKELAU.

ABDULJILIL (INDONESIA) WAS GRATIFIED ALSO BY THE ACTIONS TAKEN BY NEW ZEALAND. HOWEVER, THE ECONOMIC PICTURE WAS NOT AS BRIGHT AS SOME OTHER ASPECTS. HE SUGGESTED FISHING POTENTIAL SHOULD BE DEVELOPTED AND AN EFFECTIVE APPROACH DEVISED TO THE SERIOUS PROBLEM OF POACHING. HE HOPED EDUCATIONAL REFORMS WOULD INCLUDE VOCATIONAL TRAINING APPLICABLE TO TOKELAU NEEDS, AND THAT THE POWER RESPONSIBLE FOR NUCLEAR TESTING IN THE PACIFIC WOULD CEASE ALL SUCH TESTS.

MONSALVE (CHILE) WONDERED WHETHER THE PEOPLE OF THE TERRITORY WERE REALLY IN A POSITION TO EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE AS AN ORGANIZED PEOPLE, AND SAID IT WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE IF EACH OF THE THREE ISLANDS CHOSE TO FOLLOW A DIFFERENT PATH. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE SIGNING OF FISHING AGREEMENTS WITH THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES MIGHT, IN THE SHORT-RUN, BENEFIT THE PEOPLE, AND HE ASKED FOR MORE DETAILED PLANS FOR PREPARING THE PEOPLE TO EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION. (REPEATED INFO KUALA LUMPUR, WELLINGTON)

8. HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE --

THE COMMITTEE MARCH 29 ESTABLISHED A WORKING GROUP, OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS, TO DISCUSS THE USE OF THE PRINCIPLE OF CONSENSUS IN TAKING ITS FUTURE DECISIONS. LALLAH, EXPERT

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FROM MAURITIUS, REPORTED TO THE COMMITTEE MARCH 30 THAT THE WORKING GROUP HAD CONSIDERED FOUR PROPOSALS REGARDING THE USE OF CONSENSUS AND HAD NARROWED THEIR DIFFERENCES. THOSE WHO WISHED TO HAVE THE PRINCIPLE OF CONSENSUS REFLECTED IN THE RULES OF PROCEDURE HAD AGREED THAT THE PRINCIPLE COULD BE REFLECTED IN A FOOTNOTE TO DRAFT RULE 51, AND THOSE WHO HAD DESIRED THAT NO MENTION OF CONSENSUS BE MADE HAD AGREED TO THE POSSIBILITY OF THE PRINCIPLE BEING REFLECTED IN THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

9. PARTIAL US CONTRIBUTION TO UNDP --

ON MARCH 30 USUN FORWARDED TO THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL A LETTER OF CREDIT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,933,046, REPRESENTING AN ADDITIONAL PARTIAL US CONTRIBUTION TO THE UN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (UNDP) FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1977.

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